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Dear Members:

Autumn is with us, waning daylight, chilly nights, falling leaves and frost on the pumpkin. The MRAC meetings are in full swing. Nothing much has happened but the Boys are glad to have a club to go to, a place to swap yarns and reminiscences with brother hams. Our only radio outlet being the 2½ meter WERS activities, and in this limited way we are learning much about transmitters, modulators, receivers, various tubes, antennas, the peculiarities of wave propagation and operating procedure.

Before we continue we have a little poem to get off our chest:

He kissed her in the garden
The moon was shining bright
She was a marble statue
But he was tight that night.
Fingal Observer.

The MRAC meeting of Sept. 21st ~~20th~~ was attended by 16 members and it was decided to have a combination meeting and party Oct. 19th. Tommy Gettelman, W9IZO, put the facilities of Gettelman's Rathskeller at our disposal. Charlie Meyer, W9GVL, was made chairman with Johnny Scarvaci, W9GIL, and Joe Bryson as assistants. There will be free lunch and all the beer you can drink.

Irv Jackson, W9CID and Alex"Red" Smith, W9DZZ, were visitors They are WERS operators of Units # 4 and 14 respectively.

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, was a visitor. He gave us a talk on facsimile equipment. Wendell is with RCA and now attached to the Signal Corps as a technical observer with the simulated rank of colonel. He is going overseas soon. Wendell's definition of a journey: a good piece away from home.

Clarence Crapo, W9VD, informed us that this passed September marked his 25th year as a member of the ARRL.

The meeting of Sept. 28th was attended by 16 members. Mr. Clarence Burke, formerly of the Army Air Force located in Hawaii, was a visitor.

Herb Baker, W9GSP, has missed club meetings and WERS drillss lately, but we have learned that he has added another opr. to his family. Congratulations Herb.

The meeting of Oct. 5th brought out 16 members and 4 visitors. We seem to be very consistent by having 16 members present at each meeting. Due to the absence of President Norm Barnes, W9CDY, our ~~former~~ Past presidents and present radio aide, Herb Wareing, W9NY, acted as chairman.

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At our Oct. 12th meeting discussion was brought up on WERS procedure, or rather the lack of and the necessity for. So you can see from that,Boys, that the rigs must be working.

Barney Philippsen, W9CRG, visited Milwaukee and dropped in to see the editor. Barney is Radio Engineer with Western Electric at Chicago. He wishes to be remembered to the old timers.

Ollie Zander, W9DIJ, is our champion Victory gardener. Upon being asked how his potato crop turned out, Ollie said,"Oh, fine! Some are as big as marbles, some as big as peas, and, of course, we had quite a lot of little ones."

**Communications-WERS**

The WERS situation is well in hand. All units from 1 to 10 plus 14, 17, 20, 21 and 22 are in operation. Unit 11 has not been started. Unit 12 is being rebuilt by the Cudahy High School radio gang. Unit 15 - Greendale, will use the rig from Unit 6 as scon as the new one for 6 is finished. Unit 16 is completed but trying to procure 9000 series tubes for the receiver. Units 13, 18, 19, 23 and 25 are portable mobile units.

Our Wednesday drills consist of handling messages, replete with names, numbers and problems. It improves operating skill, gets the boys acquainted with procedure, besides keeping them alert. All units are on one frequency operating as a controlled net. There is still room for operating improvement and ironing out of network difficulties. But if we were perfect we would not have the need to test and drill and would therefore defeat our own purpose.

A beautiful mermaid suddenly popped up alongside a destroyer engaged in convoy duty in the Pacific. More surprising still, she had a little baby in her arms. "I just wanted to know," she said to the startled sailor at the rail, "if you have a ham on this ship that belongs to the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club?"

Communications were received from the following:

J.B."Bud" Naugle, RM 1/C, W9QIH, wrote to Jack Doyle,W9GPI, from the Pacific. In his letter he wrote the following,quote, tell W9HRM and all the club tnx a meg for bulletins, they are a bright spot in an otherwise dreary world, and that "fest" at the Brewery, oh happy day! unquote.

Paul J. Leser, ARM 1/C, W9ADI, who is now located in Florida informed his folks to notify Jack Doyle that he too would appreciate receiving the Bulletin. You are on the mailing list from now on, Paul. Subsequently have received acknowledgement from Paul on Bulletin # 9. He states that he was a club member back in '41, but being in the NCR was called to active duty. He has had one year of combat duty flying at the Aleutians and out of Guadalcanal as aviation radio man.

Edgar J. Smith, ARM 3/C W9DYO, dropped us a card from Tennessee. He was home on a furlough this summer but did not see any of the Boys due to the MRAC vacation. He informed us that he expects to be in the home town again in January.

Cpl. Waldemar Heinrich, wrote a V-mail letter from the S.W. Pacific and acknowledged receipt of the Bulletins.

Wendell Ciganek, W9SYT, dropped us cards from Camden and Belmar, N.J., Washington,D.C., Philadelphia, New York, Sea Girt and Asbury Park. He is getting measured for uniforms and receiving instructions for overseas duty. When he was here in Milwaukee Jack Doyle gave him some of the finer pointers and methods of approach and coached him on the proper way to say, "Com bien?" Wendell will be stuck though, if some honey says, "baisier ma posterieur."

Lt.(jg) Louis A. Wollaeger, USNR, W9ANA, wrote us a long letter from the S.W. Pacific that was only 6 days underway. Louie wishes to be remembered to the gang.

M/Sgt. Tom Luitink, W9ULE, wrote from California where he is attached to an overseas processing squadron, in the aircraft radio division.

Pfc. Steve Rukavina, W9DDB, evidentally shoved off and did not inform us of his change in address and his mail was returned. Anyone knowing his new address please notify us.

Walter Stromberg, W9DC, dropped us a line from Lake Geneva, Wis. Walter has been transferred down there by his company. The Boys miss him at club meetings, WERS drills and Sheepshead feuds.

Capt. Leonard Geier, W9ZBP, wrote a V-mail letter from England and acknowledged receipt of the Bulletins. We are always glad to hear from you Len.

Don Merten who has been in England and France now wrote from Italy. He is an expert consultant to a Major General and has the simulated rank of a colonel. He wrote that he is now on an around the world flight in a converted B-17.

Warrant Officer Ted Kercher, USN, K6SNW, wrote to Emil Felber, W9RH, from overseas.

Capt. Walter Laing, Signal Corps, W9KVX, wrote from Florida He is stationed in California when not traipsing around the world setting up communication systems for the army. Mostly various centimeter wavelength rigs. We surely were glad to hear from you OM, and don't forget to drop in to the club when next you come to Milwaukee.

M. Warren Clark, W9YDV, secretary of the Chicago Area Radio Club Council dropped us a line and acknowledged receipt of the Bulletins.

Ray Charney, RT 3/C, wrote a V-mail letter from overseas.

Lt. Armand Carian's mail was returned from Arlington, VA. Anyone knowing his new address please notify us.

Sgt. James Fischer, wrote from France. He sends greetings to the gang.

Sgt. Gilbert Rink, also wrote from France. He wants Jack Doyle to explain Calvados to the Boys.

Cpl. John Rashinsky is a radio operator on a B-24 bomber according to his last letter. At present he is in Colorado undergoing overseas crew training. I bet you preferred the training at Sioux Falls, at least I would think so after seeing the picture of Lil'. Hi!

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Comdr. Fred Catel, USNR, W9DTK, wrote from Alaska and sends his regards to the gang. He mentioned that if he stayed up there with the army much longer, he'll soon become GI.

1st Lt. Sid Rose, Air Transport Command, W9VKC, wrote from India. He has put in 16 months in the China, Burma, India wing and is counting the days when 2 years are up and he will finally be rotated back to the mainland.

Ensign George Pfister, USNR, W9IZQ, wrote from the Naval Air Station in Texas. He wishes to be remembered to the gang.

In closing we give you this topper-offer, for we are sure that you are expecting one:

The roving eye of Willie Jones fell on a luscious dusky belle who sat eating alone in a Harlem cafe. He suggested that they might have a few dances together at one of the ballrooms.

"One minute," said the young lady, "is you a member of the 33rd Infantry, the 47th Coast Artillery, the 22nd Cavalry, or the 143rd Marines?"

"No, I'm not," admitted Private Jones.

"Go 'way den, big boy," said the siren. "I'se private stock."

So be careful, Boys, take good care of yourselves, drop us a line, and you will hear from us next month.

73,

The Gang.

P.S. Don't forget to notify us of a change in your address.

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